

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 - 10, 12 and 15 - 20 are in this application and are presented for consideration. Claims 1, 4, 12 and 15 have been amended. Claims 3 and 14 have been cancelled.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, and Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed explanation in the Advisory Action indicating why the Final Rejection from March 24, 2005 still stands. Applicant understands that the terms in the claims are to be given their broadest reasonable interpretation in light of the supporting disclosure which has been done in this case.

In view of this interpretation, Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the features of claim 3. Claim 3 has been indicated to contain subject matter which defines over the prior art. Therefore amended claim 1 should now define over the prior art and be in condition for allowance. Likewise claim 12 has been amended to include the features of claim 14. Claim 14 has been indicated to include allowable subject matter. Amended claim 12 should now define over the prior art. Independent claim 11 has been canceled.

Since the remaining independent claims now include allowable subject matter, and the term "clearing modes of operation" has been given its broadest reasonable interpretation, it is Applicant's position that this application is now in condition for allowance. Applicant reserves the right to apply for patent protection in continuation applications for a more limited interpretation of the phrase "clearing modes of operation", in accordance with how this phrase

is described in the original application.

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

At this time Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application, and based on the above amendments and remarks, respectfully solicits allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted  
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